

Programming Testimony
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Killington has a very large senior community and we provide a variety of programming for this age group that includes:

Monday Movie Matinees
Art Programs
Take & Makes
Hosting Bone Builders
Book Groups
Author Visits
Trivia Challenges
Game Days

During the pandemic, we met them where they were. Meaning we knew that one of our local restaurants provided drive through meals one day per week, so we met them there with book reviews, puzzles, hand drawn crosswords, word searches, and anything we could come up with that would keep them sane and occupied during the pandemic. We also sent cards, letters, and made phone calls to keep them connected to the library. Book deliveries and curbside service were big hits. We hosted movies in the building social distanced on multiple days so that a good number of folks could participate without there being too many in the room at one time. What we do for seniors is what they have asked me to speak about at the ARSL convention in Reno this month.

I think it's also important to note that Vermont libraries get together to produce a Fairy Tale Festival that pulls in people from all over New England. We've had a consistent 1000 folks every year who enjoy seeing programming from a number of libraries all over the state. The festival remains free and open to the public. We also give away free books to both children and adults. The entire event is funded by donations from the public and takes about \$10K each year to host.